



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1074

LCO No. 3416

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES
PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) There is established an Equal
2 Access to Justice account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
3 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
4 required by law to be deposited in the account, and shall be held in
5 trust separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts.
6 Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall
7 be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding.
8 Investment earnings credited to the account shall become part of the
9 account. Amounts in the account shall be expended only pursuant to
10 appropriations by the General Assembly for the purpose of providing
11 funds to the Judicial Department for the delivery of legal services to
12 the poor by nonprofit corporations having the principal purpose of
13 providing legal services to the poor. Such funds shall be distributed by
14 the organization administering the program for the use of interest
15 earned on lawyers' clients' funds accounts established under section
16 51-81c of the general statutes, in the same manner as funds are

17 provided by such organization for the delivery of legal services to the
18 poor pursuant to said section.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of six million dollars is
20 appropriated to the Judicial Department, from the General Fund, for
21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for deposit in the Equal Access to
22 Justice account established under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish and provide funding for an Equal Access to Justice account to be used by the Judicial Department for the delivery of legal services to the poor.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]